



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilyn Carothers, RDH
Judy Morrison, RDH
Amber Riley-Burns, RDH
Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Jennifer Bressi, Program Manager
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Geoff Hymans, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Sommer, Program Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
David Hemion, Assistant Executive Director for Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSHDA)

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 2, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel, Gateway Seattle-Tacoma Airport, 18118 International Boulevard, Seattle Washington 98188.

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

1.1 Introductions

Sandra Adix, AAG introduced Geoff Hymans, AAG and explained he will be the new Advising Assistant Attorney General for Dental Hygiene. Jennifer Sommer was introduced as the new program support representative.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with additional items: 3.6 Mandatory reporting for all health professions; and 7.7 Dental health services in senior centers article.



- 1.3 Approval of July 31, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Meeting minutes approved with grammatical changes.

CLOSED SESSION – 9:20 a.m.

2. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Liz Koch from Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) provided candidate examination statistics from February 1, 2006 through September 20, 2007. The committee reviewed exam questions and associated laws. The committee approved the 2008 examination.

OPEN SESSION – 11:00 a.m.

3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – *handouts*

Information provided to the committee by the Program Manager.

- 3.1 Budget and Fee Study
Ms. Bressi explained the renewal payment will increase to \$50 for dental hygienists starting July 1, 2008 based on cost projections for the next three bienniums. She also explained that there is a coding error in the accounting system and interim operating reports are not yet available.
- 3.2 Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics
Ms. Bressi explained the discipline case statistics provided by Taylor Stair, Disciplinary Manager.
- 3.3 Board/Commission/Committee (B/C/C) dental hygiene committee results
The results were deferred to the next meeting due to Ms. King's absence.
- 3.4 2008 Meeting Dates
The February 15, 2008 meeting in Tumwater was approved; the remaining 2008 meeting dates will be determined at the February 15, 2008 meeting.
- 3.5 Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1099
The committee was provided a copy of SHB 1099 with proposed draft language for rules to implement the bill. Mr. Fox pointed out section 10 on page 5 where it refers to "consultation with dental hygiene examining committee" regarding approval of a clinical examination by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission. The proposed draft language is being provided to the committee for this purpose.
- 3.6 Mandatory Reporting Rules

Ms. Bressi provided the committee with a summary of the Mandatory Reporting Rules language. Sandra Adix, AAG further explained that all healthcare professions will have the same standards and that professionals are required to report unprofessional conduct across professions, not just within their profession.

4. UPDATE ON THE WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE SURVEY – *handout*

The committee reviewed the survey results for the states that are being evaluated to determine whether they are substantively equivalent for purposes of licensure by endorsement of credential. It was determined that the regional exams needed to be reviewed before the state review could be completed. The committee is interested in requesting the exam manuals for North East Regional Examining Board (NERB), Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) and Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) and possibly having a representative from each organization come talk with them or sending a Dental Hygiene Examining Committee member to observe one of their exams. The committee asked staff to reformat the information provided and add to the next meeting agenda.

5. SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL (SHB) 1298

- 5.1 Review, edit and finalize proposed draft rule language for off-site supervision.

David Hemion of WSDA provided a letter dated October 23, 2007 regarding the definition of supervision and WSDA's concerns regarding the use of the term "consultation." Melissa Johnson indicated the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA) supports the proposed draft rule language. The committee approved the proposed draft rule language as presented.

- 5.2 The committee will begin discussions to determine how the results of SHB 1298 will be reported to the legislature.
This item was tabled to the next meeting based on time constraint.

6. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 6.1 Status of WAC 246-815-030 – Education requirements for licensure applicants.

As of November 1, 2007, the CR103 form is currently pending Secretary Selecky's signature.

- 6.2 American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX)

This item will be added to the discussion when determining regional exam equivalency at the next meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE - *handouts*

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a DHEC member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion.

- 7.1 American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) Draft Standards for Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice
- 7.2 American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) Draft Competencies for the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner
- 7.3 Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1397 Intraoral Massage
- 7.4 Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc. (CRDTS)
 - NERB Public Advocacy Educational Conference
 - Dental and Dental Hygiene Examiner Assignments
 - Meeting Dates
- 7.5 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)
 - Examiner Assignments for 2008
 - Fall 2007 Newsletter
 - Board of Directors 2008 consumer representative seat available
- 7.6 Boom Times for Dentist, but Not for Teeth - New York Times article

8. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- 8.1 Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) annual meeting in August 2007
Ms. Morrison explained CRDTS reformatted the prometric test and that all the testing sites will remain available. CRDTS is working with NERB regarding the American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX).
- 8.2 Board/Commission/Committee Leadership Conference in September 2007
Peter Fox was unable to attend the conference.
- 8.3 American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) and American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) – Jennifer Bressi
Ms. Bressi provided a brief summary of the conference. At the AADA she met with other state administrators and shared recent Washington State legislation. She also learned of other states licensing and disciplinary issues and concerns. At AADE the number of participants was much higher. There were presentations on ethics, exam cheating, and continuing education.

2:00 P.M.

9. PRESENTATION - HEALTH SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE (HSQA) UPDATE

Bonnie King, Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) Director provided an update of HSQA reorganization to the committee. She announced Steve Saxe will be the new Office Director for Health Professions and Facilities when the reorganization is completed.

10. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)
No other business was discussed.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – no handout

11.1 Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1099 – Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) role for 2012 report

11.2 Training: What type of training would DHEC like to receive?
Ms. Carothers talked about receiving a manual and still not knowing exactly what is to be expected of committee members. She would like to have training regarding expectations for new members, and an outline of a typical public meeting. She would also like an email sent out with links to the WAC's and RCW's.

11.3 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) and Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) presentation.
The committee requested that WREB and CRDTS be scheduled to come and talk with them, this would be done during a regular business meeting, with no more than two presentations per meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held in Tumwater on Friday, February 15, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Jennifer Bressi
Program Manager

Approved By:



Peter Fox, Chairperson,
Public Member